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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2001

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The present addendum contains one additional nomination for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, received after 25 October 2000, the date referred to by the Secretary-General in his note verbale dated 25 August 2000, in conformity with article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. All nominations submitted before 25 October 2000 are contained in document CRC/SP/29. Biographical data of the person nominated, as furnished by the State party concerned, is contained in the annex to the present document.

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Name of candidate	Nominated by
Peter Onyekwere EBIGBO	Nigeria

Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF NOMINEE

Peter Onyekwere EBIGBO

(Nigeria)

Date and place of birth: 1 August 1947, Nigeria.

Working language: English

Current position/function

Since 1998 to date he is the pioneer Director of the Directorate for Research and Publication, College of Medicine, University of Nigeria.

Main professional activities

In 1977 Professor Ebigbo returned to Nigeria to work as a clinical psychologist at the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu, and in 1978 joined the Department of Psychological Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Nigeria, where he rose to become Professor of Psychological Medicine in 1988.

He was Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Technology of the College of Medicine from 1990 to 1993; Chairman of the Board of Governors, University of Nigeria Secondary School from 1989 to 1991; Deputy Provost of the College of Medicine from 1984 to 1988.

Educational background

He attended the Holy Trinity Primary School, Orlu, from 1962 to 1969 and St. Peter Clavere's Junior Seminary, Okpala from 1960 to 1966. He attended Bigard Memorial Major Seminary, Enugu in 1965, during which time he pursued his studies to become a priest. He studied philosophy from 1965 to 1968 and theology from 1968 to 1969.

In the winter semester of 1969 he studied theology at the Philosophische-Theologische Hochschule Dillingen/Donau, Federal Republic of Germany.

In 1976/1977 he studied psychology at the Julius Maximilian Bavarian University of Wuerzburg, Federal Republic of Germany. He obtained his Vordiplom (1st class), Hauptdiplom and Doctoris Philosophiae (magna cum laude) in 1972, 1974 and 1977 respectively. He majored in clinical psychology. He was a fellow of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Gifted Students from 1974 to 1977 during his Ph.D studies.

Other relevant activities

Professor Ebigbo convened in Enugu in 1986 the international conference which gave birth to the African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) and has led the Nigerian branch of ANPPCAN since then. Leading ANPPCAN Nigeria he has attended congresses of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) and those organized by the ANPPCAN Regional Office in Nairobi. He has collaborated with UNICEF and the Federal Ministry of Social Development over the years. He is currently a UNICEF consultant and is a signatory to the UNICEF Onchocerciasis Fund in UNICEF Zone A (Cross River and Benue). He has been a member of the National Child Rights Implementation Committee set up by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Youth Development designed to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child. He is also a consultant to the Ministry of Women Affairs and Youth Development.

Professor Ebigbo became a member of the Executive Board of Child Hope, an international organization globally addressing the problems of street children, in 1988.

Under Professor Ebigbo's leadership ANPPCAN has established child rights monitoring centres in Enugu, Ibadan, Kaduna, Onitsha, Kano and Lagos.

Professor Ebigbo jointly co-founded with his wife Mrs. H. Ebigbo the Therapeutic Day Care and Boarding Centre in 1979 for mentally retarded children. The institution caters for about 1,000 children, half of whom are mentally retarded.

Professor Ebigbo co-founded with Professor K. Peltzer the Working Group for African Psychology, which publishes the Journal of Psychology in Africa, of which he is an editor.

Professor Ebigbo also founded and started on behalf of the International Federation for Psychotherapy (IFP), a psychotherapy centre in 1992. In 1995 he founded the Nigerian Society for Psychotherapy which is affiliated to IFP.

Professor Ebigbo is the President of the Association of Institutions and Initiatives for the Care of Mentally Handicapped Children in West and Central Africa and also leads the Nigerian branch of the Association.

Professor Ebigbo was given a merit award and a mission statement plaque by UNICEF Zone A in Nigeria, and is a Nigerian National Order of Merit award winner for Medicine, 2000.

Most recent publications in the field

Professor Ebigbo has edited or written over 10 books and published some 90 articles in learned professional journals, which includes a textbook on clinical psychology in Africa and on child labour in Africa.